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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

~~In re~~ Application of:

MITSUO NIIDA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/288,038

Filed: April 8, 1999

For DATA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM,
DATA COMMUNICATION METHOD
AND DATA COMMUNICATION
APPARATUS

Examiner: R.B. Abelson

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to payment of the issue fee, a Request for Continued Examination being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner amend the above-identified application as follows. The claim amendments begin on page 2, and the Remarks begin on page 12.